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Dear Friends:

At the June 21, Mayor and Council meeting, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild read two proclamations, "Solidarity with the LGBT Community," marking Tucson's condolences to the family and friends of the 49 who were killed in Orlando at the worst mass shooting in U.S. History and LGBT Pride Month.

Our City has a lot to be proud of for when on February 7, 1977, Tucson became one of the first cities in the nation to adopt an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing, public accommodations and employment, based upon Sexual Orientation, Race, Color, National origin, Ancestry, Gender Identity, Disability, Age, Religion, Sex, Familial Status and Marital Status. This ordinance has full enforcement powers.

In 1991, during the AIDS epidemic, the City of Tucson was the first governmental entity to give funding to AIDS service organizations. In 1996, the City of Tucson extended medical and dental benefits to the same sex partners and families of city employees, the first governmental entity in Arizona to do so. After the tragic murder of 21 year old Matthew Shepard in 1998, the Mayor and Council approved the formation of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT issues, making Tucson's GLBT community a part of the city government.

In 2003, the City of Tucson became the first city in Arizona to officially recognize same-sex couples with the formation of a domestic partner registry, for which more than 1,000 same-sex couples signed up and registered their relationship with the City of Tucson.



Our city elected its first out Lesbian City Councilmember, Karin Uhlich in 2005 and appointed the first out Gay Police Chief in Arizona with Chris Magnus in 2016.

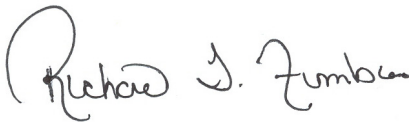
Tucson's LGBT community contributes to our city with its businesses, cultural groups and organizations. The LGBT community has brought numerous conferences and events to Tucson, such as the International Gay Bowling Organization Conference and Tournament in 2014. The LGBT community in Tucson has accomplished a lot, but it all started with a tragic hate crime, the murder of a 21 year old college student, Richard Heakin, in 1976. Killed by three high school students because of who he was.

Tucson's LGBT Community worked with the straight-supportive Tucsonans, such as former Tucson Mayor George Miller, resulting in the passage of the anti-discrimination ordinance in 1977.

Over the year's when tragedy had happened, in our City and across the country, Tucson's community, gay, straight, young, old and of all backgrounds, come together to grieve, show support and most importantly, to act to better our community.

Our hearts go out to Orlando and the families and friends of the 49 who lost their lives in that hate filled attack. Tucson is a community of love and for which love will always triumph over hate. Tucson is a community who cares and supports everyone. Tucson has a Mayor and Council which is supportive, through words and most importantly, action.

Peace.



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Councilmember

Cherrybell Update

As reported in the last newsletter, the House Oversight and Government Reform met last month on the subject of postal reform, for which U.S. Postmaster General Megan Brennan announced a moratorium on the closing of any postal processing centers, including Cherrybell that serves Tucson and Southern Arizona. The House committee stated they would be following up with legislation on postal consolidation.



On June 15, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee released a bi-partisan discussion draft postal reform bill, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2016. The House draft comes out of a compromise agreement of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), Ranking Member Elijah Cummings (D-MD) and the subcommittee leaders Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and Steven Lynch (D-MA). The draft presents some promising to address the fiscal challenges facing the United States Postal Service (USPS.) Among the highlights, the measure reforms the health benefits program and process by transitioning future retiree healthcare to Medicare. The change directly addresses the 2006 Congressionally-mandated provision that requires USPS to prepay retiree health benefits, replacing it, instead, with a more reasonable approach. Afterward the review of comments, members will move to introduce the bill and consider it in Committee before the July recess.

Cinemark Theater Update

During the June 7 Mayor and Council meeting, there was an agenda item about the Cinemark Theater being built at the Bridges in Ward 5. This had to deal with an integrated architectural spire sign for the theater and a requested variance for this.



The Cinemark sign had the support of the four neighborhood associations, the Bridges Design Review Committee as well as City staff and a majority of members that were present for the Sign Code Advisory Appeals Board meeting but unfortunately due to vacancies on this committee, it needed a unanimous vote of the four present members, it received a 3-1 vote, for which the issue was brought to the Mayor and Council.

After the consideration of the materials and evidence from the hearing, I made the following motion:

“Thank you Mr. Mayor. First I would like to explain my motion.

“For more than the past ten years, the four affected neighborhoods, Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas, Western Hills and South Park have worked with the developers to turn the Bridges from a dumping site with growing weeds and garbage, to the beautiful marketplace which is led to the renaissance of the south side.

“These four affected neighborhoods had no grocery store, no pharmacy and no opportunities and now through their work with the developers, there is a Costco, a Walmart Supercenter with a grocery store, a Culver’s restaurant, a mattress store, a Starbucks, and soon: the Cinemark movie theater, Lin’s Chinese buffet, a Planet Fitness and a Dave and Buster’s.

“These four neighborhoods have been the key cheerleaders for the changes at the Bridges. Their overwhelming support is shown in their letters to the Sign Code Advisory and Appeals Board for this proposal, and were joined by the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges Design Review Committee, which also voted to approve the proposal.

“This spire is not a precedent setting case, the Mayor and Council had voted previously to allow St. Mary’s Hospital to place a new cross on its building on September 19, 2012,

“The spire is contextual in terms of the size of the overall development of the Bridges and would not obstruct the scenic view, since the theatre is being built on the parcel along I-10, which there are larger signs along both freeways, such as the Spectrum I-19 sign to name one example.

“The spire had been deemed an integrated architectural feature, being constructed within the building and extends from the foundation through the roof.

“And lastly, this decision would be solely for the spire only for the Cinemark Theatre.

“The Mayor and Council voted previously to approved the amended development agreement in 2010, resulting in the development and jobs for Tucson’s south side, it would be sad if this Council votes to rescind the decade long work of the four affected neighborhoods on Tucson’s south side, the developers and our City.

“So I move that the Mayor and Council reverse the decision of the Sign Code Advisory and Appeals Board granting the appellant’s request.”

The vote by the Mayor and Council was 7-0. I want to thank Cindy Ayala, Bernice Vanover, Bette Trahan and James Christopher of the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association, Sara O’Neil with the South Park Neighborhood Association and Willie Blake for the Western Hills II Neighborhood Association for being there and for their work and the neighborhood’s work on the Bridges Development.

As your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have always worked with the Ward 5 neighborhoods on issues of concern. If a developer has a proposal, I’ve always sent them to the respective neighborhood association to discuss their idea and get the neighborhood feedback. If the neighborhood supports a proposal, I will then bring it forward to the Mayor and Council for consideration and work for its approval.

The Bridges Project is a shining example of collaboration between the four neighborhoods, the developers, the stores at the Bridges and the Ward 5 Council office and the City of Tucson.

HomeGoods Distribution Center and FedEx Ground Hub Update

Both the HomeGoods Distribution Center and FedEx Ground Hub, located on Corona Street, near the Tucson Airport in Ward 5 are in the process of hiring workers for both locations. HomeGoods will employ 400 people this year to get their Distribution Center running. An additional 160 people are being hired for the FedEx Ground Hub, bringing the workforce to 200. Both will open this Summer will formal grand openings to take place this Fall.

Creative Machines Gets GEDD Economic Incentive

The renaissance of Tucson's Ward 5 and the Southside continues with Creative Machines, which received the Global Economic Development District (GEDD) incentive by the Mayor and Council vote on June 21. This was the first incentive under the GEDD incentive process.

Creative Machines is moving into a bigger, 65,000-sqaure-foot space at 4141 E. Irvington Road, east of South Alvernon Way, formerly Southwest Fiberglass. Creative Machine “designs and fabricates sculptures and interactive museum exhibits for clients all over the world. Tucsonans probably know their work. The company made the “Bike Church” on Granada Avenue, the light-up doughnut “Desert O” on Alameda Street, the walk-through “Cocoon” on Houghton Road and the interactive “Bubble Tubes” at Tucson Medical Center.

They had applied for a waiver of the \$10,000 city permit fee under the Global Economic Develop-



ment District incentive program, which was meant to attract small factories to the airport area and interstate corridors. To qualify, a business must make a capital investment of at least \$1.5 million. Creative Machines bought a bank-owned building for \$1.56 million on Dec. 18 and plans to spend \$850,000 to repair and improve it. Remediation work is underway. Seventeen additional jobs were created at an average salary of \$60,000.

Creative Machines will use an estimated \$6,500, which it would have paid in city construction sales taxes, on job training for its employees instead, including classes at Pima Community College.

This project activates an empty building and adds jobs for engineers, artists and fabricators. Creative Machines are folks who do business all over the world and it's really promising.



Arizona Bilingual Job Shadow Day at Ward 5

It was my great pleasure to be part of Arizona Bilingual's 2016 Job Shadow Day on Wednesday June 8. I want to thank Alma Gallardo of Arizona Bilingual and her staff for again organizing the effort. I also want to thank Jazlynn Othon and her mother and Rene Ulloa and his parents for taking part in the Ward 5 Council Office Job Shadowing Day.

Body Central Marks Second Anniversary

June 21 marked the two year anniversary of the ribbon cutting and opening of Body Central Physical Therapy's location at 1900 East Ajo Way. More than 70 jobs were created with this location. Congratulations to Jennifer Allen, Tonya Bunner and the staff for their anniversary and their continued success.



Thank You Dave Adamson

On April 14, 2011, I had the privilege of cutting the ribbon opening the Costco at the Bridges Project, located in Ward 5. Present was Jim Senegal, founder of Costco. Since that time, the Ward 5 office had the privilege working with Dave Adamson, the first manager of this Costco store. During this past month, Dave was transferred to the Grant Road location. I want to thank Dave for his work making Costco a success and his efforts working with our community.

Thank you Melinda Jacobs.

The Ward 5 Council office said goodbye to Melinda Jacobs, who has been with the office since 1999, retired, with Friday, June 10 was last day with Ward 5 and the City of Tucson. Melinda had a retirement party for her family, friends and constituents she's helped over the years.



Melinda Jacobs worked on various projects, liquor license applications and constituent cases and issues affecting Ward 5.

She will be remembered as the person who coordinated the World War II Memorial project, ensuring its completion and dedication at Armory Park. This was an 8 ½ year effort.

I want to thank Melinda for her service and commitment to the Ward 5 Council Office and for a job well done.

Welcome Matt, Mary, Rodrigo and Jacquelyn!

I want to welcome new Council Aide Matt Pate, Office Assistant Mary Kuchar, and Interns Rodrigo Guerrero and Jacquelyn Meza to the Ward 5 Council Office team.

Matt Pate has lived in Tucson since 1999 when his family moved to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and this past May received a Masters Degree in Social Work from Arizona State University.

Mary Kuchar has proudly worked in our community for over 20 years for the YMCA of Tucson and for the past 9 years in the hospitality industry and is a lifelong volunteer and a native Tucsonan.

Rodrigo Guerrero is a rising Junior at his high school and is a member of the Baseball and Speech & Debate teams, as well as a member of his high school band, he is part of Arizona YMCA Youth and Government and a Link Crew leader.

Jacquelyn Meza will be a Junior at her high school and loves to dance Folklorico for and also enjoy the Law enforcement classes she's taking at her high school. Jacquelyn's aspiration is to one day graduate from the U of A and attain a successful career as an OBGYN.

Matt, Mary, Rodrigo and Jacquelyn will continue the work of making our Ward a better place to live, work and raise a family.



Joan Lionetti

Tucson Clean & Beautiful, whose office is located in Ward 5, is an organization whose mission is to preserve and improve our environment, conserve natural resources, and enhance the quality of life in the City of Tucson and eastern Pima County.

For more than 30 years, Joan Lionetti led this effort as Tucson Clean and Beautiful's Executive Director, resulting in cleaner roadways and parks, more trees planted and an increased emphasis on recycling, to name few of the many successes for TCB.

Joan is retiring from the organization and I want to thank her for her work and commitment in making our community better.

Tucson Roadrunners Coming to Town

Saturday, June 18, was a great day for our city with the new hockey team in the AHL, the Tucson Roadrunners.

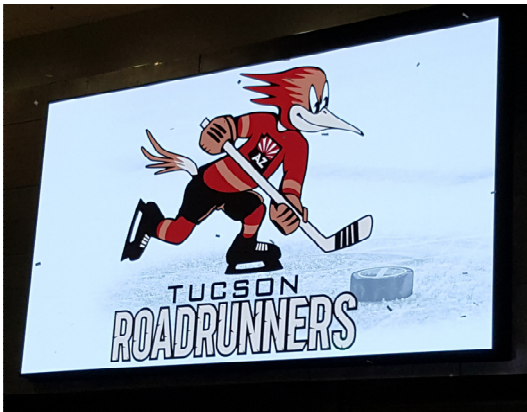
I want to thank Arizona Coyotes President Anthony LeBlanc for bringing the team to our City and Fletcher McCusker and the Rio Nuevo Board for their work on getting the team to play at the TCC,

I also want to thank my colleagues on the Council for approving the agreement. I want to thank City Manager Michael Ortega and City Attorney Mike Rankin for their work on the agreement with the Rio Nuevo Board and Elaine Becherer with the City on her work on the arena logistics with Rio Nuevo.



It was announced that on October 9, the Tucson Roadrunners and the Arizona Coyotes will have a scrimmage at the TCC. It will be free and open to the public, so mark your calendar.

The Tucson Roadrunners are a big deal for our city so let's go out and support our team and get tickets. For more information, go online to www.arizonacoyotes.com/ahl.



SAAVI Job Fair

On Friday, June 17, I had the privilege of taking part in the Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired 2016 Job Fair. SAAVI is located at 3749 East Grant. I spoke with students interest in a career in public service. I want to thank Roxanne Torres of SAAVI for inviting me to participate. For more information, go online to saavi.us.



**Film Creations Dedicates New Location**

On Friday June 10, it was my pleasure to attend the ribbon cutting of the new offices for Film Creations Limited, located at 4349 East Fifth Street. I want to thank Richard Rose, President and CEO for the invitation and congratulations to Richard and the team for their new facility creating wonderful films and videos.

Tucson Job Forecast Looks Bright

The latest economic forecast from the University of Arizona predicts Tucson will continue its recovery from the recession and see an increase in job growth. George Hammond, director of the Economic and Business Research Center at the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management, announced his forecast at the annual breakfast held. There has been a big acceleration in the region's job numbers, he said. The Tucson area averaged 2.8 percent growth in the first three months of 2016, meaning 10,400 additional jobs over the year. Job growth is expected to finish at about 1.7 percent this year. Jobs are growing at a significantly higher rate than before, and Hammond predicts the region should be adding jobs at a faster pace than the national economy within the next year or two.

A distribution center for HomeGoods and a customer service center for Comcast recently added hundreds of jobs to the Tucson area. Although the forecast is optimistic, Hammond said there are still a number of risks that could affect the local economy, including low productivity growth, a spike in oil prices, a global downturn and tighter government spending.

Structurally Balanced City Budget Gets Final Approval

The Mayor and Tucson City Council voted unanimously to adopt a \$1.3 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The structurally balanced budget includes a mix of spending cuts and revenue increases. As part of the budget, the Public Utility Tax will increase from 4 percent to 4.5 percent, and the City of Tucson Bed Tax will increase from \$2 to \$4 for each 24-hour period of occupancy.

City Improves Credit Rating

The City of Tucson has been awarded high ratings from leading credit rating agencies after a recently requested review of the City's credit related to the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Water Revenue Obligations, and existing Certificates of Participation. The high ratings assigned to the City will allow the organization to secure low interest rates associated with the sale of bonds, including the voter-approved General Obligation Bonds to repair and resurface city streets. Citing the City of Tucson's solid control over spending and moderate liability burden, Fitch has maintained the credit rating and improved the City's outlook from "negative" to "stable."

"The proposed (now adopted) fiscal 2017 budget is structurally balanced, as management has successfully addressed a chronic imbalance between recurring revenues and expenses," Fitch's report

states. "Public and private investment in downtown Tucson continues, due in part to a streetcar rail system that extends from downtown to the university campus."

Standard & Poor's and Moody's affirmed the City's high ratings for all three types of debt and maintained the current outlook. Citing Caterpillars pending move to Tucson, Moody's draft report states, "The city has added approximately 10,000 jobs over the past year, and unemployment has reached a post-recession low of 5%, according to recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics."

"The Mayor and Council have taken significant action to align expenditures with revenues and attract major corporations to the area," said City Manager Michael Ortega. "I am confident that we are putting the City on solid financial footing and that ratings agencies will continue to view the City of Tucson as a solid investment."

City Pools Open and \$2 Swim Lessons Still Available

The City of Tucson's Parks and Recreation department has opened 18 pools for public use over the summer. The summer pool schedule will be in effect until Aug. 3. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for those 17 and younger. Summer and annual passes also are available. View a listing of the pools and operating hours at the link below.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation department still has spots available for its \$2 swim lessons program, offered in partnership with the American Red Cross Aquatics Centennial Program. The discounted swim lessons are available to children (6 months to 17 years old) who qualify for the Discount Program.

Find out if you qualify by viewing the Discount Program at the link below, or by calling (520) 791-4877. You must register for the discounted lessons in person at 900 S. Randolph Way. For those who don't qualify, swim lessons will be \$15 per session. Lessons are offered in four, two-week sessions, with eight lessons per session during June and July. There are 18 pools throughout the city open until Aug. 3.

Parks and Recreation discounts: <http://1.usa.gov/1D6qPCu>



Tucson Intersection/Overpass Project Wins Award

The City of Tucson received the 2016 Timothy M. Ahrens Partnering Award from the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

The City won the award for the \$20.6 million 22nd Street and Kino Parkway intersection/overpass project, a component of the RTA-funded 22nd Street corridor improvement project between Interstate 10 and Tucson Boulevard, which is located in Ward 5.

**Heat Warning**

With Summer here, Councilmember Richard Fimbres urges everyone to take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning and finish up by 10 a.m., know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible, and drink plenty of water. If you suspect heat stroke, call 911 immediately. Councilmember Fimbres compiled some suggestions to help you ensure that you do not fall victim to a heat related illness:

Hydrate with water; avoid drinks with sugar, drinks with caffeine and alcoholic beverages.

Do not leave children unsupervised in parked cars. Even in less threatening temperatures, vehicles can rapidly heat up to dangerous temperatures. A child left inside a car is at risk for severe heat-related illnesses and/or death, even if the windows are cracked open.

Never leave your pets in a parked car. Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on.

If feasible, begin the work day as early as operationally and fiscally possible and schedule outdoor work for the earlier part of the day, avoiding peak temperatures between 12-4 p.m.

When possible, take a 15-minute break every hour and take breaks in a cool area, in the shade or indoors.

Replace your electrolytes (2:1 Ratio of Water to "Powerade/Gatorade")

If you work outside, keep an eye on your co-workers, watch for signs and symptoms of heat-related illness.

Manage your medication.

Wear sunscreen of at least 30SPF and remove layers when possible.

If you suspect heat stroke, call 911!

Also Tucson Pima Collaboration to end Homelessness (TPCH) has put out a list of places around Tucson where people can get respite from the heat. The list is located on the next page as well as online at: http://www.tpch.net/uploads/1/4/0/0/14008364/2016_summersunsites_6-8.pdf.

American Red Cross 2916 E. Broadway	520-318-6740	Samantha	M-F 10 am- 2 pm except holidays	5	20-minute drop-in cooling; water, phones, restrooms. Housing help for veterans & their families; community info for non-vets
Casa Paloma (Phone for Directions)	520-882-0820	Liz	M & Fri 8-11:30 am T-Th 8 am-12 pm	25	Women only, laundry, showers
COPE Lifestyle Improvement Center (CLIC) 732 N. Stone Avenue	520-884-9505	Erica	M-F , 10 am - 7pm	25	Drop-in cooling & water, some games
COPE Women's Center 1477 W. Commerce Court	520-792-3523	Sonia	M-F , 8 am - 5pm	15	Women only, water, computers, phone
Interfaith Community Services NW 2820 W. Ina Rd.	520-297-6049	Receptionist	Main M-F 9 am- 4 pm Food Bank 9 am	8 15	Water, brief stays in air conditioning.
LFC/RAPP 1101 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 130	520-882-8422	Sharon/Lydia	M-F , 8am - 4pm	35	Water, snacks, sack lunches June 1-July 31
Primavera HIP (Homeless Intervention & Prevention) 702 S. 6th Ave. at 17th St.	520-623-5111 x114	Emma	M, W, Th, F 9am - 12:30 pm	20	Closed Tuesdays. Mail/message service, phone, toiletries, case management
St. Francis Cooling Center at Z Mansion Carriage House 288 N. Church Avenue Enter front gates off of Church	314-803-6735 520-907-9057	Bro. David Rev. Tom	M-Sun. , 11am-4pm June 13 – mid August	50	Movies, cool drinks, popcorn, first aid station; No cots. (If you can offer a cool space for cots for naps, please phone Bro. David or Rev. Tom.)
Salvation Army Hospitality House 1002 N. Main Avenue	624-5411	Receptionist	M-F 8 am – 9 pm	Drop through	Water, sunscreen, hats, etc.; restrooms
Sonora House 2940 N. Flowing Wells Rd.	520-624-5518	Guillermo/Gilberto	M-F , 9am-3pm	11	RAPP Referrals Only
Sister Jose Women's Shelter 18 West 18th Street through June 30	520-909-3905	Penny/Jean	M-Sat 9am-5pm	20	Women only, Showers, laundry, lunches, drinks, clothes, cots, personal supplies & activities
VA Homeless Program 3601 S. 6th Ave., Bldg. 90	520-629-1839	Receptionist	M-F 7:30 am – 4 pm	11	Veterans only. Showers, laundry, food, clothing & help with services, housing.

Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242
Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900



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